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SUBJECT

Supply of Periyar water to Zamin and Inam lands —

Informing the Collector of Madura that the preparation of detailed villagewar statements in connection with the question of — in preference to ryotwari land at the tail end of channels may be held in abeyance pending the submission of a comprehensive report on the subject promised by the Coll by the 1st July.

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Copy of letter from the Collector of Madura, R.O.C. No. 432 B and G, dated 30th March 1904.

With reference to Board's memorandum No. 1035, dated 23rd March 1904, enquiring what progress has been made in the preparation of the statement referred to in paragraph 2 of Board's Proceedings No. 211, (Confidential No. 30), dated 17th June 1903, I have the honour to report that the statement required under paragraph 4 of Board's Proceedings No. 276 (Confidential No. 62) dated 22nd December 1902, namely, a detailed fieldwar statement for each village and a consolidated statement for each taluk, showing the various areas commanded by the Periyar and the areas from which for reasons to be given, irrigation should be excluded, is not at present actually under preparation. Mr. Todhunter before he left the district had prepared a rough draft of a letter to the Board dealing generally with the areas to be included in, or excluded from, double crop irrigation. On the eve of his departure he was obliged to reject this draft as circumstances had arisen to change the aspect of the case upon which the draft proceeded. The reasons why the preparation of the detailed fieldwar statement had not been undertaken are not actually on record though it was doubtless intended that they should be embodied in the draft. From information, however, which I have been able to obtain from the Executive Engineer and the Periyar Special Deputy Collector the reasons why it was proposed to ask the Board to dispense with the preparation of this detailed statement are now apparent.

2. The information which the Board requires is already embodied in a series of maps maintained by the Public Works Department. I submit for inspection a map borrowed from the Executive Engineer which I beg may be returned to me at the earliest possible opportunity as no copy of it exists. Similar maps exist for every village or group of

villages

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villages within the Periyar area. It will be seen that the Public Works Department have placed on record with regard to every ryotwari field within the Periyar area information as to whether it is or is not irrigable. As regards zamin and Inam lands the information available is not in so much detail but the maps show their position with reference to the channels, the mamul wet lands are of course known to be irrigable and of the dry lands 75 percent are in a position to receive water. In addition to these maps a register is kept for each Government village showing the grounds upon which the decision as to -- unirrigability is based, and, finally, another register is maintained showing for each channel the areas of lands of the different descriptions irrigable by that channel. I submit therefore that, so far at least as ryotwari lands are concerned, the information specifically called for by the Board is available and in a form convenient for reference. It would of course be possible at the cost only of considerable clerical labour, to prepare for submission to the Board lists of all survey fields in the 132 Government villages affected by the Periyar with reasons for excluding each field from irrigation. The reasons given would, however, in the vast majority of cases be merely the bare statement that the field is high or distant from the channels: as regards fields irrigable with difficulty and not recommended for irrigation the only reason to be given would be that other lands (i.e. zamin and Inam lands) could be more economically irrigated.

3. In these circumstances, I venture to enquire whether the Board will be pleased to dispense with the preparation of these general statements and will allow the report to be confined merely to the fields or areas actually under question. The fact that, though called for, they have not been prepared or the Board's sanction obtained for dispensing with them, has much hampered the disposal of the question. If my request is now granted the field will be cleared for attacking the main question. I may point out that when the statements were called for in para 4 of Board's Proceedings No. 276 dated 22nd December 1902, the Board had been led to believe that the general information required

required had never been tabulated or placed succinctly on record. Apart from this, moreover, the question for disposal as then presented to the Board has since been considerably modified in form. The information which the Board called for had reference to the question of excluding certain lands altogether from irrigation. As will be seen from the instructions prepared by Mr. Todhunter and approved by the Board in Board's Proceedings No. 211 dated 17th June 1903, the scope of the enquiries which the Deputy Collector was directed to make was mainly confined to the selection of lands for exclusion from double crop irrigation. It is true that para 4 of those instructions appears to refer to the exclusion of single crop lands, that is to say, to their exclusion from irrigation altogether, but for reasons which I need not now detail, I gather that there has been some misapprehension in this point. I am told by the Periyar Deputy Collector that the "single crop lands" referred to in that paragraph meant lands registered as double crop but only able to raise one crop, and that the question was not of their exclusion altogether but of their transfer to single crop. If this is so, then I am right in saying that the instructions embodied in Board's Proceedings No. 211 dated 17th June 1903, did not extend to the point which the statements called for were intended to elucidate, namely, the exclusion of certain lands altogether from irrigation. If the report now to be submitted is to be confined to the scope of the instructions in Board's Proceedings No. 211 dated 17th June 1903, the preparation of new fieldwar statement for the whole area commanded by the Periyar will, I submit, be unnecessary.

5. I do not, however, now ask the Board to decide afresh the exact scope of the enquiries to be made. Mr. Todhunter found that the question of the irrigation of Inam and zamin lands was inextricably connected with other and larger questions (e.g. the sale of the remaining waste lands, and tank-beds, and the question of forcing all lands which can

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take short crop water to do so). He proposed therefore to submit to the Board a general review of the whole position. My own experience is the same. I find, however, that in some respects, I take views different from those of Mr. Todhunter. Moreover, after lengthy conference with the Executive Engineer, I find that there are other important questions which did not come to Mr. Todhunter's notice, but which require some more investigation before a satisfactory general report can be submitted. For example, I may quote the fact that during last fasli out of the 60,000 acres for which double crop water is supposed to be available, only 32,000 acres actually raised two crops. What I now venture to ask is that the Board will dispense with the statements referred to and will allow time till July first for the submission of a comprehensive report on the outstanding questions. By that date, it will be possible either for Mr. Todhunter or myself to obtain all the further information necessary. In the meantime, I would strongly urge the renewal for this year of the interim arrangement sanctioned in para 3 of Board's Proceedings No. 211 dated 17th June 1903, namely, that the Executive Engineer should distribute the available water at his discretion. I can safely assure the Board that no infringement of rights which would involve Government in difficulties, will be involved, and that care will be taken to supply the water so as to obtain the maximum return to Government. On the other hand the actual experience of one year of the methods proposed by the Executive Engineer will be of great value in deciding the questions at issue.

6. I regret that I have not been in a position to move the Board earlier in this matter. The papers are voluminous and the subject complicated and lately I have been fully occupied with jamabandi and other work.

(True Copy)

V K Ramanujachari
Secretary.

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MADRAS.

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation

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Subject.

Periyar Project.

Informing the Collr. of Madura that the preparation of the statt. re: the distribution of ---- water to zamin and Inam lands, may be held in abeyance pending submission of the report promised on 1st July.

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CHIEF ENGINEER FOR IRRIGATION.
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Mr. A.E. Castlestuart Stuart I.C.S.

⊗ Copy attached READ ⊗ letter from the Collector of Madura, No. 432 B and G, dated 30th March 1904.

Resolution.-

The preparation of the statement ordered in B.P.No. 276, dated 22nd December 1902, may be held in abeyance, pending submission of the comprehensive report promised in para 5 of his letter. The Collector is requested to see that the report is submitted punctually by 1st July.

2. In the meanwhile, the proposal to continue the adinterim arrangement for distribution of water sanctioned for the last year in B.P.No. 211, dated 17th June 1903, is approved.

(True Extract)

V K Ramanujachari
Secretary.

To the Collector of Madura with map returned.

Copy to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation. ✓

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